



Supply Chain Integrity

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Food Crime

Food Crime involves serious and intentional dishonesty that impacts detrimentally on the safety or authenticity of food, drink or animal feed.

COST TO UK
£1.17 BILLION



Operation Opson VII

The EU Food Fraud Network



OPSON VII - Tuna

- 200 million Euros a year
- Food Safety Risk
- Consumer Trust and Confidence
- Impact on Tuna Industry

Make a Difference

- One focus
- Intelligence led
- Intelligence – FIIN
- Leave a legacy – Problem Profile

Highlights

Illegal Treatment of tuna continues

- present a risk to public health
- damage to country reputation
- a threat to industry integrity
- substantial lost tax revenue

which is **unlikely** to be reduced or mitigated in the long term following OPSON activity.

Highlights

- Illegal treatment of tuna is an established, on-going and highly organised criminal practice taking place across Europe and in third countries exporting into the European Union and further afield.
- Current levels of enforcement activity across Europe will not deter criminals from illegally treating tuna for economic gain.
- €200 million Fraud - scale of this could realistically be substantially greater.

Recommendations

- Prevention
- Intelligence
- Enforcement

Prevention

- EU to provide funding for scientific research and analysis for testing methods and rapid field tests.
- Develop information sharing partnerships with industry.
- In conjunction with industry, develop a tuna assurance scheme that ensures traceable and safe product.
- Consideration should be given to establishing maximum levels of antioxidants permitted in tuna rather than accepting *quantum satis* as the preferred option.
- Legislation on labelling transparency to ensure consumers are fully aware of the processes and additives within fresh tuna.

Intelligence

- Tuna test results which potentially indicate illegal treatment
- Intelligence on suspected criminal tuna food business operators
- Developing and maintaining a 'hot' list of suspect food business operators
- Emerging risks/threats relating to the supply chain
- Evolving criminal methods

Intelligence

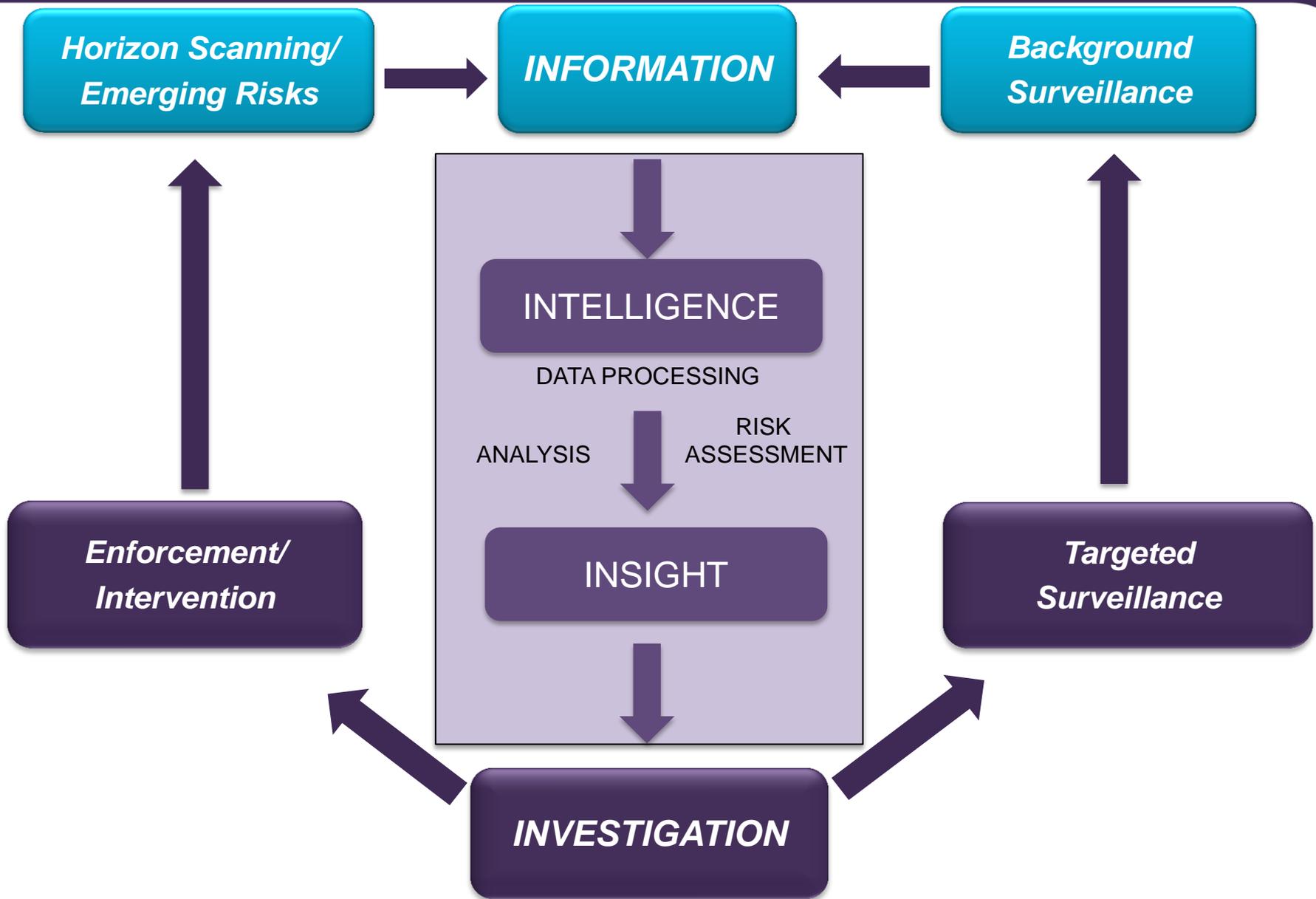
- Updated information on AAC detailing tuna fishing vessels and their specifications and capabilities for use by inspectors when checking documentation and inspection at unloading points.
- Develop target profiles to be shared via the Food Fraud Network on the food business operators which are identified as highly likely to be involved in the illegal treatment process, including information on the source of chemicals used.
- Develop and task informants/industry insiders to gather intelligence regarding the illegal treatment of tuna and disseminate intelligence via SIENA.

Enforcement

- Mandatory regular and intelligence-led unannounced inspections
- Removal of export licence
- Engagement with third countries where tuna is supplied from
- Raise the profile regarding the extent of the criminality and the risk to public health with prosecutors to highlight the need for robust sentencing outcomes.
- Sharing of scientific methodology and research to establish a consistent approach to the identification of chemicals used in the illegal treatment of tuna and the development of comparable accredited testing methodologies across the EU.



The FSS Surveillance Model

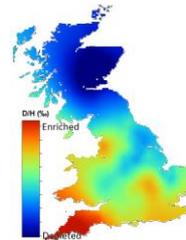




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➤ Scientific Techniques



➤ Technology





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